



Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Present: Cllr L Harris (Chair), Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr D Crane, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 2 members of the public.

### **Public session**

**001/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public**

A member of the public asked about the potential timescale for the expected footpath and landscaping works on the Stoneshollow site. The Clerk had emailed Ethical Power following the November meeting and Ethical Power confirmed that these works would be undertaken following the energising of the project, which was anticipated to be March 2026.

A member of the public asked about the timescale for the opening of the Aldi D/C.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk would email Aldi and enquire.

**002/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen**

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included confirmation that LCC's preferred option for LGR was for one Unitary authority for the whole of Leicestershire, with no expansion to city boundaries. Cllr Melen had attended a local consultation regarding the proposed Norton Heath village development near Twycross and local feeling was in opposition to the development. LCC had voted against the Government's proposal for mandatory ID cards.

**003/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks**

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included news on planning. Applications to build large developments had been received for Newbold Verdon, but a 240 home application in Newbold Verdon had been refused by Planning Officers. An emergency meeting was to be held by Borough Cllrs regarding the recent large increase in applications for HMO's in the Borough. The Borough Council had met to discuss the need to find the £1 million per annum running cost of the new food waste collection service.

**004/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations**

Nailstone Community Group – The NCG had a meeting planned for the following week and the AGM was due to take place in early March. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer would be resigning their posts. It was planned to hold one Community Group event per month at The Bull's Head to support the pub and to fundraise money for the group. Planned events included a monthly classic vehicle event and a pudding club on the last Monday of the month. The recent quiz night had been a success and had been won by one point by the Chair of the Parish Council's team.

PCC – A PCC meeting was planned at which the events calendar for the upcoming year was set to be approved.

Nailstone Gardening Group – The Wreath Making Event in November had been an inclusive success and had raised over £1000 after costs which would be spent on planting projects in the village.

Footpath warden – No issues reported.

### **Council business**

**005/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors**

**It was resolved** that apologies from Cllr Harrison be accepted.

**006/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda**

There were none.

**007/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**It was resolved** that the minutes be approved and they were signed by the Chair.

**008/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk**

Cllr Harris – no update

Cllr Darlington – Cllr Darlington advised that the Wix website renewal was due and a saving could be made of £12 per annum if a 3 yearly subscription was agreed rather than a yearly subscription.

**It was agreed** to subscribe to a 3 year subscription.

Cllr Crane – Cllr Crane reported that he had taken delivery of the new bench seat for The Oval entrance.

Cllr Crane **was thanked** for assisting with this. Cllrs discussed the need for the bench to be secured to the ground with its supplied fixings and that

the current bench seat was broken and there was a need to replace it without delay for H&S purposes. Cllrs anticipated the cost to be minimal.

**It was agreed** unanimously to ask Rob Johnson to remove the old bench, locate and fix the new bench in place and to invoice for the work.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for offering to contact Rob Johnson.

Cllr Waterlow – Cllr Waterlow asked about arranging a date to visit Sheepy Magna Church to view the internal modernised space.

**It was agreed** that Cllr Waterlow and Cllr Harris would find a weekend date they could both attend and this be communicated to all Cllrs and the Clerk so as many as possible from the PC would be able to attend.

Clerk - Precept: The amount of the requested precept for 2026-7 had been communicated to H&BBC

**Dog Waste bags:** A new order for dog waste bags had been made and would be passed to the parishioner volunteering to monitor and restock them.

**Land adjacent to 87 Barton Lane:** H&BBC Planning Officers had visited the site and deemed the state of the site to be of detriment and had written to the owner asking for it to be cleared. Further action could be taken if necessary. An appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been submitted to the Secretary of State by the landowner.

**Npower invoice:** Npower had incorrectly submitted an invoice for the streetlighting which included the month of December 2025 despite the PC giving notice that they were changing supplier to LCC on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Npower stated that they were processing the documentation regarding this, and a revised invoice would be submitted. Npower subsequently stated that LCC, as the PC's new supplier, had not requested the transfer of the supply and that Npower was still listed as supplier on the national database and would need to continue to bill until this was not the case. The Clerk had contacted County Cllr Melen for his assistance in resolving this matter with LCC.

**It was agreed** that the Npower invoice be paid to avoid late payment charges and a revised invoice sought when the matter had been resolved and that LCC be advised that LCC's invoice was in dispute.

**CiLCA training course:** The online application portal for the CiLCA training course would open on 30<sup>th</sup> January and applications would need to be submitted on that date.

## 009/2026 **To consider planning applications submitted**

There were none.

- 010/2026 To note planning applications determined by H&BBC and PC comments submitted under delegated powers**

25/00695/FUL 87 Barton Lane Nailstone Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0PY.  
Demolition of existing building, greenhouses and raised beds and erection of 2 dwellings  
Status: Refused

25/00918/HOU 2 Apple Tree Close Nailstone Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0QY.  
Single storey front extension Status: Planning Permission

- 011/2026 To review and approve Report 01-2026: Annual review of risk management**

The Annual Review of Risk Management report had been amended and circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**It was resolved** that report 01-2026 be approved and uploaded to the PC's website for transparency.

- 012/2026 To review and approve Report 02-2026: Annual review of internal financial controls**

The Annual Review of internal financial controls report had been amended and circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**It was resolved** that report 02-2026 be approved and uploaded to the PC's website for transparency.

- 013/2026 To consider and approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the coming financial year 2026-27**

Mrs T Brearley had been the PC's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025-26 at a fee of £50.

**It was resolved** that Mrs T Brearley be appointed Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026-27 at a fee of £50.

- 014/2026 To consider and approve the Preliminary financial estimates and Budget for 2026-27**

The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2026-27 taking account Cllr comments about potential increases in certain cost centres of the budget particularly Grounds, and provision for CiLCA funding and resurfacing of the Church Meadow footpaths. This document had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the amounts against various cost centres and found them sufficient.

**It was resolved** that the draft budget be approved and published as required on the PC's website.

- 015/2026 To consider a quotation from an alternative supplier for the printing and delivery of the Nailstone Parish Council newsletter**

Cllr Darlington had sourced a potential alternative supplier for the printing and delivery of the Nailstone newsletter. The newsletter would be delivered

with the 'Community Voice' magazine. The cost per issue including delivery would be £107, as opposed to the current £125. Over 12 issues this would save £216.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for sourcing an alternative quotation. Cllrs discussed it was desirable to have delivery included rather than saving more by making the PC's own arrangements for delivery. Cllr Darlington would be meeting the 'Community Voice' publishers to show them the current standard of printing and that it was desirable that this standard should be continued.

**It was resolved that** providing the current printing appearance could be replicated that the quotation be accepted.

**016/2026 To consider options for the resurfacing of the Breedon gravel paths in Church Meadow**

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for sourcing quotations for the resurfacing of the worn Breedon gravel paths.

The following quotation options were provided and considered:

- 1) Resurfacing with Breedon gravel and wooden edging,
- 2) Resurfacing with Breedon gravel and concrete edging,
- 3) Resurfacing with Breedon gravel and tumbled edging,
- 4) Resurfacing with block paving
- 5) Quotations for 1, 2 and 3 were provided both with and without an option for a pétanque pitch.

Cllrs discussed that the resurfaced paths were to include the Memorial area towards the gazebo as well as the main path. The potential location of the pétanque pitch was to be in front of the single bench in the middle of Church Meadow near the railings. Cllr Darlington suggested the use of some of the remainder of the fundraised play equipment money towards the cost of the pétanque pitch. Cllrs agreed that the pétanque pitch was a worthwhile asset. Cllrs discussed the quotation options and considered option 2 to be preferable. The need for 3 like for like quotations was agreed.

Cllr Harris **was thanked** for offering to source 2 additional quotations.

**It was resolved** that Cllr Harris would source an additional 2 like for like quotations to be presented at a PC meeting.

**017/2026 To consider updates regarding the Grounds Maintenance contract and approve actions arising**

There were none. The grounds contract and specification would be an agenda item on February's agenda.

**018/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:**

**FS753039914 29/9/25** Bagworth Rd. 20mph safety sign, sign bent in half and barely attached. **UPDATE: Works completed.**

**FS761107793 29/10/25** Main St. Footpath. **UPDATE: Marked up for repair**

**019/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment**

No new issues had been reported. Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for continuing to carry out the inspections.

**020/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm**

There were none.

**021/2026 To approve invoices for payment**

The payment schedule for December 2025 invoices had been sent to all Cllrs before payment in December 2025 as per 245/2025. The December 2025 invoices, bank reconciliation, bank statements and location of reserves were presented by the RFO and signed by the Chair. The following invoices were paid in December 2025:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£.p</b>
K Bates	Clerk's salary December 2025	289.35
HMRC	PAYE December 2025	32.40
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for November 2025	34.20
The Graphic	Newsletter printing December	125.00
K Bates	Clerk's Microsoft licence renewal refund	84.99
Bosworth Groundcare	Invoice Sept/Oct/Nov & slab repair	1,683.30
K Bates	x6 Large Letter stamps refund	9.30
K Bates	A4 printer paper refund	14.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,277.92</b>

The January 2026 payment schedule, invoices, bank statements, bank reconciliation and location of reserves were presented by the RFO and signed by the Chair.

Cllrs discussed the payment of LCC's invoice for streetlighting electricity considering the information in the Clerk's report in item 008/2026.

**It was resolved** that LCC be informed that the invoice was in dispute as the assets were still registered with Npower and that the invoice not be paid.

Disputed: Leicestershire CC Street lighting December 25-March 26 £166.49

**It was resolved** that the following invoices be paid:

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HMRC	PAYE January 2026	32.60
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for January 2026	34.20
The Graphic	Newsletter printing January	125.00
K Bates	Dog Waste bags dispenser refills	15.99
Tony Harrison	x2 Remembrance Poppy Wreath	44.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>545.91</b>

**022/2026    To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting; scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church.**

**The meeting closed at 20:30**